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House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.)'s proposed \$46 billion tax cut for small businesses would likely be a home run for lucrative sports teams like the Los Angeles Dodgers, a congressional staffer confirmed Wednesday.

Last month, Cantor proposed allowing all small businesses -- companies with fewer than 500 employees -- to take an income tax deduction of up to 20 percent, regardless of industry or income. During a question and answer session Wednesday, Joint Committee on Taxation Chief of Staff Thomas Barthold said the cut still applied to any small business, including rich ones. "

Last night there was breaking news that in my town of Los Angeles, our baseball franchise, the Los Angeles Dodgers just sold for \$2 billion. They obviously had a pretty high payroll for some of their employees. If they happen to have fewer than 500 employees, would they qualify for this small business tax cut?" Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-Calif.) asked.

"As has been noted, there's no prohibition by type of enterprise or business so if the Dodger organization...numbered fewer than 500 employees, the Dodgers would qualify, sir," Thomas Barthold said.

Answering further questions, Barthold said other sports teams, as well as companies owned by Donald Trump, Larry Flynt and Paris Hilton would also qualify for the tax cut if they passed the common control test and were determined to have fewer than 500 employees.

Barthold also said there was no requirement that a company hire people or refrain from outsourcing jobs to qualify. "Is there a requirement that you create jobs?" Becerra asked.

"There's no requirement on the result of the tax relief," Barthold said.

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